



AJ 045: TERRORISM AND FREEDOM

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Effective Term:

Fall 2026

Does this course use a CA Common Course Number

No

Credit Status:

Credit - Degree Applicable

Subject:

AJ - Administration of Justice

Course Number:

045

Discipline:

And/Or	(Discipline)
		Administration of Justice (Police science, corrections, law enforcement)	

Catalog Title

Terrorism and Freedom

COS Course Description

This course is a study of terrorism including types, tactics and trends. The course also covers the history of freedom, its meaning today and the balance of individual rights and public order. The Patriot Act and its effects on the safety and freedom of the American citizen today are also examined.

Advisory on Recommended Preparation:

Successful completion of ENGL C1000 or equivalent college course with a minimum grade of C

Method of Instruction:Distance Education
Lecture and/or Discussion**Course Units/Hours:****Course Units Minimum:**

3

Lecture Hours Minimum (week)

3

Total Contact Hours Minimum (semester)

52.5

Total Outside Hours Minimum (semester)

105

Total Student Learning Minimum Hours (semester)

157.5

Repeatability:

No

Open Entry/Exit:

No

Field Trips:

Not Required

Grade Mode:

Standard Letter

TOP Code:

210500 - * Administration of Justice

SAM Code:

C - Clearly Occupational

Course Content

COS Methods of Evaluation:

Essay quizzes or exams
Short answer quizzes or exams
Written essays or extended papers

COS Course Topics:

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1	Introduction to Terrorism a. defining the many types of terrorism b. theories about the causes of terrorism c. the status of terrorism today
2	Peacekeeping and Nation Building
3	Types of Terrorism: a. Latin America and narcoterrorism b. suicidal terrorism c. ethno-nationalist terrorism d. religious terrorism e. Islamic terrorism f. single issue terrorism g. emerging forms of terrorism h. biochemical and nuclear terrorism
4	Major Trouble Spots Around the World
5	Enemies and Allies World Wide
6	Counter Terrorism
7	Fighting Terrorism on the Domestic Front
8	Homeland Security and Domestic Intelligence
9	Balance of Individual Rights, Public Order and Terrorism a. individual freedom defined b. requirements of freedom c. requirement of public order d. brief history of freedom to modern times e. problems facing the criminal justice system
10	Constitutional Powers to Combat Terrorism U.S.A. P.A.T.R.A.T American v. international law Freedom v. terrorism
11	The Law and Terrorism a. The United States b. International Law c. Military Law d. U.S. Law and the Bill of Rights e. Civil remedies in the U.S. and abroad (human rights issues)
12	The Ethics of Terrorism a. compatibility with ethics and religious beliefs b. common applicable ethical theories c. perceptions of ethics and terrorism globally and with the U.S. d. ethics of the players (politicians/attorneys/others)
13	History of Terrorism a. globally b. within the United States c. the changing nature of terrorism

COS Course Objectives:

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1	Identify and compare the motivation and radical religious influences of individual terrorists, and terrorist organizations in the past, present and future.
2	Identify former empires and modern boundaries of rival nations involved in past and present military conflicts, as well as terrorist activities.

- 3 Identify known terrorists, their organizations, countries/areas of operation, goals/objectives/tactics, as well as the threats and challenges to the peace and security of nations and regions of the world.

Course Outcomes:

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1	Terrorist nations: students will be able to identify nation states founded on terrorism to separate from colonial and empirical rule.
2	ID Terrorist groups: Students will be able to identify terrorist groups, history and locations worldwide.

Assignments:

Assignment Type:	Details
Reading	Reading assignments typically associated with this particular course may include but are not limited to: - Students are required to read the assigned chapter and answer at least two of the chapter review questions. - Students are required to read the chapter and complete a short chapter quiz each week. - Students are expected to read the assigned chapter(s) each week in preparation for classroom discussion.
Writing	Writing assignments typically associated with this particular course may include but are not limited to: - Student are required to identify at least one current course specific criminal justice issue that is in the news (print or electronic) and write a one to two page observation paper, relating course content to said response. - Students are required to maintain a journal as it relates to the topic instructed in class (reflection) and to make entries during the week that relate to events in the news that are related to terrorism and freedom. - Student are required to choose a particular topic that is related to the course of study (prior approval required) and then write a five-page paper regarding the chosen topic.
Homework	Homework assignments typically associated with this particular course may include but are not limited to: - Students are expected to read the assigned chapter(s) each week in preparation for classroom participation. - Students are required to read the assigned chapter(s) and define key terms associated with the content of each chapter.
Homework	Written assignments and discussion boards are designed to allow for student self-expression and personal thoughts on issues related to the historical influence and current impact of terrorism and its comprehensive global impact. In addition,

Representative Texts, Manuals, and/or OER that is equivalent, Other Support Materials:

Texts used by individual institutions and even individual sections will vary. The list of representative texts must include at least one text with a publication date within five (5) years of the course outline approval date.

COS Textbooks or other support materials

Resource Type:	Details
Books	Homeland Security For Policing OLIVER, Willard M. Pearson Prentice Hall 1st 2007 0-13-153466
Books	Terrorism, Intelligence and Homeland Security Taylor & Swanson Pearson 2nd edition, 2019 9780134818184
Books	Terrorism & Homeland Security: Theory, History, and contemporary Challenges (2025); 2nd Edition. Matthew Lippman. Cognella (Publisher).

Transferable to CSU

Yes - Approved



This course will also be proposed for UC transfer.

Yes

Transferable to UC

Yes - Proposed

Cal-GETC General Education

Cal-GETC GE Area 4: Social & Behavioral Sciences

Transferable to UC

COS General Education

COS GE Area 4: Social & Behavioral Sciences

COS GE D: Social & Behavioral Science

Other Degree Attributes

Degree Applicable

Not a Basic Skills Course

Distance Learning Addendum

DLA - Senate Approved - Updated 10-25.pdf

Banner Title:

Terrorism and Freedom

Curriculum Committee Approval Date:

02/04/2026

Academic Senate Approval Date:

02/11/2026

District Governing Board Approval Date:

03/09/2026

Course Control Number:

CCC000378188

Equity Review

Select elements of the COR that were reviewed for equity. Must select at least one:

Advisory

Assignments

Pre/Corequisites